

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Westerman on June 17, 2009.

IN THE CLAIMS

- Claim 1, line 10, the word "the" immediately before "same surface" has been deleted and replaced with - - a - -

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach nor render obvious the claimed combination wherein comprising:

Re clm 1:

- Said shift arm having heteromorphous cams at a contacting part
- Said heteromorphous cams have at least two different cam profiles which contact a same surface of said shift piece

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALAN B. WAITS whose telephone number is (571)270-3664. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 5 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on 571-272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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